

SENATOR CAROL LIU

CAROL LIU is the State Senator from the 21st District, representing nearly 850,000 people in Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, La Cañada Flintridge, San Gabriel, Temple City, several City of Los Angeles communities and portions of other surrounding cities and communities.

BACKGROUND

A fifth-generation Californian on her mother's side, Carol Liu is also the daughter of a father who emigrated from

China before World War II. Carol was born in Berkeley and raised in Oakland. She attended public schools and graduated from San Jose State College in 1963. She continued her education at the UC Berkeley School of Education where she earned both a lifetime teaching credential

and a credential in education administration. She was a teacher in the Richmond, California, public schools from 1964 through 1978 – teaching history at the Junior and Senior High level. She also worked as a school administrator from 1978-1984.

Carol is married to Mike Peevey whom she met in 1978 at and AFL-CIO convention. They married soon after and, in 1984, moved to Southern California where Mike began a successful career with Southern California Edison. After retiring from SCE, Mike went on to found several successful business ventures. In 2000 he was appointed to the California Public Utilities Commission by Gov. Gray Davis and later was named President of the Commission by Gov. Schwarzenegger. Carol and Mike have three children and three grandchildren.

After relocating to Southern California, Carol quickly emerged as a key community volunteer and civic leader. Initially she focused on education and other issues affecting children, including serving as a PTA President and as President of the Pasadena City College Foundation Board. But she soon became involved in a whole range of issues – from affordable housing to preservation of open space – that affected local quality of life. In 1992 Carol was elected to the La Cañada Flintridge City Council. She served on the Council for eight years, including two very successful terms as Mayor.

STATE ASSEMBLY RECORD

In 2000, Carol was elected to the State Assembly to represent the 44th District and served three terms. In the Assembly Carol held several positions of leadership including Chair, Assembly Higher Education Committee; Chair, Asian Pacific Islander Caucus; and Chair, Women's Legislative Caucus. She was awarded Legislator of the Year honors by several organizations including: California State Student Association; California Industrial Technology Education Association (CITEA); National Organization of Women; and The Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL). Many key pieces of legislation Liu authored during her tenure in the Assembly were signed into law. These included bills to: reinvigorate career and technical education programs at the high school level, lower the costs of college textbooks, protect foster children, prevent domestic violence, and strengthen criteria for conservators named to administer the affairs of incapacitated individuals.

AFTER LEAVING THE ASSEMBLY

After being termed-out of her service in the State Assembly in 2006, Carol resumed her active schedule of teaching and community service.

ELECTED TO THE STATE SENATE IN NOVEMBER 2008

Carol was sworn into office as a State Senator on December 1, 2009. In the Senate, she will continue pursuing her agenda to improve public education, increase access to higher education and to career and technical education, and assure essential services for the elderly, low-income and disabled. She will also continue her efforts to improve environmental quality and transportation services. Carol has been appointed to the following Senate Committees:

- Human Services (Chair)
- Education
- Budget and Fiscal Review and Subcommittee No. 1 on Education
- Banking, Finance and Insurance
- Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments
- Public Employment and Retirement



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